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BIBLES NEEDED

Christian students from campuses across the U.S. and Canada are asked to contribute seldom-used Bibles and New Testaments to the World Home Bible League, a South Holland, Illinois-based organization dedicated to the task of placing "a Bible in every Bibleless home."

The Bibles are requested to support the League's Used Bible Campaign which was launched in August of last year and has collected over 200,000 Bibles so far. The Campaign aims to collect one million used Bibles and place them throughout the world in the hands of people who speak English, but could not otherwise afford to have a Bible of their own.

Most of the recent requests for used Bibles have come

from churches in several countries in Africa and from India. Nearly 500,000 used Scriptures could be placed in India within the year, according to the Rev. Dennis Mulder, League official.

The World Home Bible League has been involved in the publication and distribution of more than 110 million Scriptures in the past 40 years. Its staff and regular volunteer work force is well-equipped to handle the tremendous task of collecting, sorting, and distributing as many used Bibles as Christians are willing to donate.

Used Bibles may be sent directly to the World Home Bible League, 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, Illinois 60473.



Bruce and Becky enjoy their "Big Date"

'The Date of the Year'

The Big Date Of The Year mystery has at last been unfolded. Organized by the Activities Committee for Friday evening, Feb. 29, it entertained over 200 students ready for an evening of soon-to-be revealed surprises.

The daters, consisting of gentlemen-lady asked, and ladies-gentlemen asked, and groups, met at Heacock Commons to each receive maps leading first to one, then two, then three consecutive secret destinations.

Friday night's 'big event' began at the Oriental Theatre. Laurel and Hardy films, accompanied by Helen Cole and Don Feeley on the organ, easily entertained and brought everyone into the mood of the evening.

Afterward, the maps were dug out and the next destination searched for. It turned out to be an exotic meal at the rustic Masonic Temple. En-

trees included such delicacies as 'Elephant Trunk Quiche or Cabbage Bombay Surprise'. During the meal, provided by SAGA, Dr. LeShana and his wife Becky entertained with song. Following this Lon Thornburg also sang and accompanied himself on the electric piano.

Topping off the evening was a visit to historic Pittock Mansion high on a hill overlooking a panoramic night view of the city of Portland. One student commented, "I fell in love with Pittock Mansion. All of us in our formal attire seemed to fit in as we walked up the marble staircase, or stood out upon the old stone terrace in the warm night air. The lights of the city dazzled us."

All in all it was a well-planned, well-carried out evening with many students coming home tired but fulfilled.



Spring is announcing its coming

Unexpected Results

Two months after a 30 second chapel announcement at George Fox College, the total effect is just becoming known. But overall the impact may never be known.

GFC Chaplain Ron Crecelius, the day before Thanksgiving, made a half-minute announcement saying he felt compelled to send a ton of rice to help the starving in Cambodia. He said it would cost \$466 to purchase and have it distributed within a week. He told students he was going to place that order and if anyone wished to help him with the costs, they could.

And help they have. Crecelius said the total has now reached \$3,372.22 and now seven tons of rice have been purchased and distributed.

It's all unmarked, of course, and the recipients of the rice do not know their

helpers. And students don't really know how many lives they may have saved.

There was no campaign, no urging, no written suggestions. Only the brief mention to jog minds — and hearts. Almost all money has come anonymously, left on the Chaplains desk or slipped under the door. Some students acted together in living groups. One collected 17 pounds of coins totaling \$133.91.

The students' fund outpouring has caught the eye of World Vision International Executive Ted. W. Engstrom. It was through that organization that the rice was sent and distributed.

"I am grateful that the students have identified themselves with World Vision in this . . .," he said. "If you have opportunity, please con-

vey out warm thanks and appreciation on behalf of the recipients of this help . . ."

Reading about the response in the college's alumni newspaper, one GFC alum wrote, "To me it was the most exciting article I've read in the paper since I graduated. Thanks for your part in the rice purchase."

And Crecelius says the student giving has had an even greater impact than just the money they raised. Dozens of calls and letters have come from off campus with people asking how they could participate. Crecelius has referred all of those responses directly to World Vision headquarters in Portland. He suspects many hundreds of dollars also have been contributed in that way.

"I had no idea it would grow to this," says Crecelius. "It still amazes me."

Accreditation team to evaluate Fox

"The self-study process has been helpful in giving us a comprehensive holistic look at where we have been, where we are, and where we hope to go." — Dr. Julie Hobbs.

On March 31 and April 1 and 2, a team of 10 educators will visit George Fox and make an intense examination of the total college program. They will evaluate George Fox against its own standards and goals and decide whether or not to renew accreditation. The committee will give the administration a preliminary report April 2, and the final evaluation will be given

March 30.

Three teams will be operating simultaneously, reviewing the teacher education program and music department as well as the total college program.

Nearly two years ago, George Fox began an intensive self-study with Dr. Julie Hobbs as coordinator. Faculty, board members, students, trustees, and administrators were involved in studying the strengths and weaknesses of the entire college community. The result is a 350 page volume covering all aspects of George Fox from the library to the physical plant to

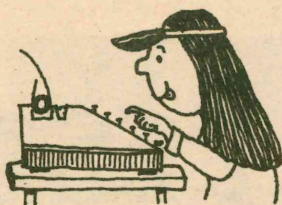
the various learning divisions.

Accreditation is an indicator of the value of a degree and of the total program, Dean William Green says. It shows that the college is meeting its expectations and those of its peers.

The team members will be visiting classrooms and talking to students, faculty, and staff. Students should realize that they will be interviewed, Dean Green says. He hopes that students will be genuine in evaluating the college's strengths and weaknesses and give the examiners a total picture of George Fox.

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EDITOR'S NOTE



"Giving it all to God"

Four weeks ago I DID give it all to God . . . I thought. As I sat in Chapel/Assembly during Missions Conference, the importance of letting go of certain areas of my life seemed urgent. I let them go, these areas of concern, worry, frustration . . . or did I? After all, once I gave those things up to Jesus it was supposed to be smooth gliding, breezy, peaceful. My stomach tied in knots over a hectic schedule, plans, classes, appointments, responsibilities, grades . . . peaceful?! I'm learning to DAILY commit my life to Jesus. It's not easy letting go of plans I've made, giving God the final approval. I've grown used to handing him my plans packaged neatly in a kit — instructions included. Since I know so well how things out to go, my life's been easy? No, it's not been. Somehow I've stepped into shoes that don't fit, and aren't supposed to fit. I'm finding out I've robbed God of the privilege of giving me the best, while I've been settling for only the good.

Giving up my dreams and ideas to the Lord as suggestions not plans is hard for me. I'm learning to trust in His judgement, and I'm finding a solidness building inside my heart. I believe that solidness is also called "peace".

Somehow when I try to figure out my life, according to my own knowledge, I get tired, sore feet from the chuck holes I encounter along the way. As I recognize Wisdom, Jesus Christ, I find my path has been paved (Proverbs 3:5-6). Daily I'm learning how to acknowledge the Lord and am striving to do so with all my heart.

Thankful for His gentle teaching,
Cris Pike

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Pre-Packaged Faith: A Bargain?

Evangelical doctrinal code-breakers have deciphered Christianity into a lucid and concise formula of faith. The born-again life cycle witnesses Bill Bright and his four spiritual laws present at birth; Bill Gothard and Basic Youth Conflicts available for adolescence; the Navigators Topical Bible Studies and Memory System in early adulthood; Oral Robert's Seed Faith, Russ Johnston's prosperity theology, and Robert Schuller's Church Growth Seminars assist through mid-life crises. Christianity has been packaged so neatly that even the most artless amateur can outline the deepest spiritual truths in a Venn diagram. With such an explicit prepackaging of eternal truths at our disposal, how can any Christian hesitate from immediate involvement in the Great Commission — plunging into a wicked and hurting world this very hour with a burden for the unsaved? "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest." Don't these words of Christ's indicate a certain urgency?

Does Moses herding sheep in Midian for forty years following his initial vision for liberating the Hebrew nation indicate urgency? Does Christ's baptism into public ministry a age of thirty suggest im- ment necessity? Or do Paul's ten years of tent sewing in Tarsus after his con-

version, before an active ministry, imply impulsiveness?

Men and women who have faithfully sought to usher in God's kingdom seem to have a pattern of experiencing extensive preparation time. Whether that occurs through herding sheep, carving yokies, sewing tents, or, in our case, wrestling with an education — groundwork is apriori. Groundwork that provides one with a Christ-like attitude and sensitivity toward God's purpose. An intense juncture of courtship before the full responsibilities of a kingdom task are engaged. It takes time to restore a blackened son of Adam into a transparent image of God. Higher education is a powerful abrasive for use in that capacity.

On the contrary, the pre-packaged faith of some zealous Evangelicals is designed to speed up the mainstreaming of young Christians into the Great Commission enterprise, rather than to allow ample

time for theological polishing. Creative evangelical theologizing has already been completed, and God has been decoded into a series of neat formulas. These formulas are more than sufficient to evangelize the world. Serious scholarship is only redundant and delays the Great Commission.

Christ encountered similar shortsighted counsel from his disciple Peter. Peter couldn't accept what seemed to him the defeat of the promise of the prophets for Christ to establish an earthly reign. Peter couldn't see far enough into history to grasp the significance of the cross. He wanted to see IMMEDIATE results. But Christ, sensing the import of his act on all ages, reproved Peter, "Get behind Me Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." Perhaps similar reproof is in order for impatient formula Evangelicals.

Tad Cobb

Chaplain's Corner

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." I

Corinthians 13:4-8.

But I fail! How can I love someone? Humans fail! How can I let down my safe wall and let someone love me?

With my wall up, I am safe from being hurt by others. I rely completely on myself and love myself. If I don't let anyone love me, and if I don't love anyone, no one will drop my fine china emotions and smash them. They are safely locked up in a sturdy cupboard of my will where no one can reach them. Only I have the key.

The only kink in my plan is my emptiness. Some days it is so strong that I am overcome. I get desperate. I need someone to lean on.

I climb over my wall and sprint to someone saying, "Over that wall, in a cupboard on the top shelf is my love.

Could you please go get it. But be careful because it is very delicate."

Usually they stumble over the wall, looking back often to see if I am still visible or if this is a joke. Once in a while, I find someone who streaks over very fast. However, no one has ever been able to get a hold of my love. Why?

God told me why. I forgot to unlock the cupboard! No one can get in gently. They would have to smash the door, and that would break my love plus other emotions.

I am expecting other people to do the impossible while I stand by and do nothing. For them to love me, I must trust them and love them. I either hand them the key or leave the cupboard open. To have a friend and to be loved, I must be a friend and love first.!

Dalla Alexander

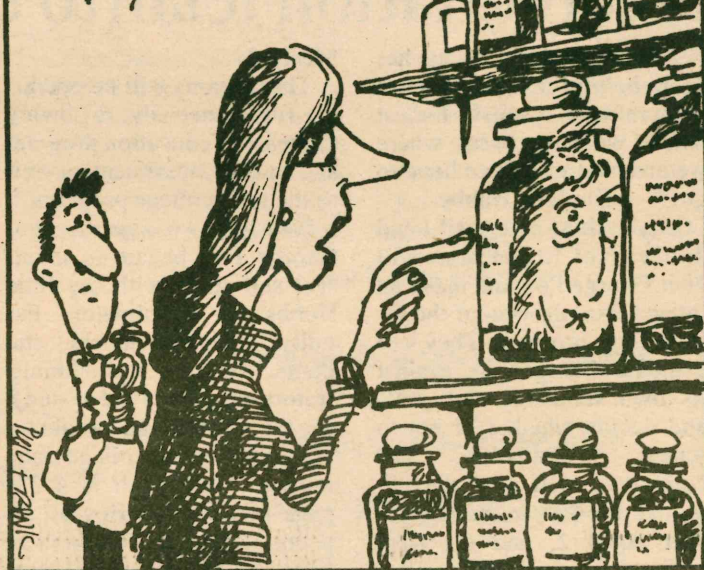
If you want to tell me about your reaction or impressions of my articles, you can write to the paper, (Box A) or directly to me! (Box 40). I am anxious to know what you are feeling, good or bad. I love you all!

"The miracle must happen in us before it can happen in the world. We dare not set our hope in our efforts to create the conditions of God's Kingdom in the world. We must indeed labor for its realization. But there can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts. The starting point is our determined effort to bring every thought and action under the sway of the Kingdom of God. Nothing can be achieved without inwardness. The spirit of God will only strive against the spirit of the world when it has won its victory over that spirit in our hearts."

— Albert Schweitzer

FRANKLY SPEAKING . . . by phil frank

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Christian Controversy: Dissent or Division?

Much of our discussion over social issues is futility. Answers to controversies must come from deep within ourselves. We have nothing to discuss.

As we learn to trust God, He is able to show us more of His love. As we see this love, we can begin to understand the fact that all He does is for our good in an expression of His indescribable love for us. This realization allows us to ease up on the Holy Spirit giving Him more freedom in our lives. As He builds in us and works through us, we are able to see our own fantastic potential — and the person God wants us to be. We see ourselves heading in the direction of completion. We therefore begin to truly know and love ourselves only as we know and love God more.

This "finding out who we are" expresses itself in many ways. We develop beliefs and values. We stand as individuals unique and separate from the beliefs of our upbringing. The deep friendships we make are with those who have searched themselves and who see the same truths that we do.

Denominations develop from these two or more people gathered in Christ's name. Obviously we want to worship with those people who worship and believe as we do — those we are most comfortable with. "How can two men walk together unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3) To eliminate denominations would be to eliminate our individuality and uniqueness.

Yet we must realize that our

denomination does not hold the only truth. Because we are individuals, our views will vary. If we indeed search ourselves, we will stand firm regardless of all debates and forums and sermons and books and publicity of every sort. Of course, our beliefs in Christ and His life must be uniform according to the truth in the Bible. But non-essential doctrine, such as our feelings about rituals in the church or even social issues are going to be different. And our non-essential beliefs are not more important than another Christian's non-essential beliefs.

Yet as we find our own set of truths, we become so caught up in defending and expressing them that the difference in opinions regarding an issue becomes the focus of attention, and the heart of the problem is easily ignored.

The "pacifism versus just war" argument is the most recent example of this. Some Christians feel deeply that they have a responsibility to support the nation — even if it means killing. Some Christians feel deeply that they have a responsibility to preserve life. (Personally, I see these arguments as different means to the same end, but . . .) The problem is not one of who is right or wrong as is often thought. The problem is — what are we going to do with our own decisions? Or in going the second mile, what are we going to do with our Christian brother's decision?

How does an aggressor deal with the monstrous fears charging him? How does he

cope with the fact that chances of him making it home from war in the same mental and physical condition, if any, are extremely small? How will he deal with the loneliness and feelings of abandonment that will arise? The temptations that will haunt?

We are so busy trying to interpret the obscure concepts in the Bible that we neglect the definite commands. The Apostle Paul urges us to encourage one another in Christ. In light of our "Age of Individuality," this concept seems to be quite outdated. We are so concerned with defending and justifying our opinions that we don't have time to listen to Holy Spirit inspired exhortations.

It is important to express our views. And in forming our own beliefs we must listen open-mindedly to other views. But to develop a firm stand does not include a derogatory bitter attitude toward all who may disagree.

God's commandment to us to love one another requires an understanding — a willingness to see through another person's eyes. "Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

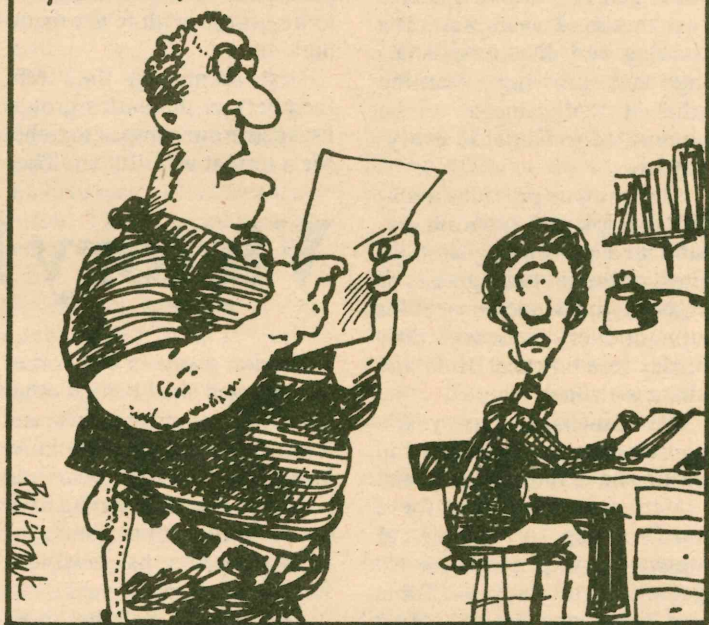
(Phlpns. 2:4 NASV)

In facing the nightmare of an oncoming war, we truly do not have time or thoughts to spend proving our opinions. We desperately need to uphold each other with encouragement. We must begin to prepare each other to face the consequences of the decisions we have made. Are we fortresses of strength to our Christian brothers regardless of their convictions, or are we termites eating away at each other?

Brenda McCracken

FRANKLY SPEAKING . . . by phil frank

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The mentality of fundamentalism— "The quest for negative status, the elevation of minor issues to a place of major importance, the use of social mores as a norm of virtue, the toleration of one's own prejudices but not the prejudices of others, the confusion of the church with a denomination, and the avoidance of Prophetic scrutiny by using the Word of God as an instrument of self-security but not self-criticism."

— Edward John Carnell

Experiencing Color

In George Benson's song, "The Greatest Love," he says, "I believe the children are our future. Teach them well . . ."

I have always been told of the importance of education. As a student of George Fox College going back and forth to Mississippi, the reality of a double demand on education becomes both a challenge and a dilemma. It is a challenge because of the rich opportunity there is in being able to share my own culture with others and at the same time learn from the variety of people that I encounter here. A dilemma arises because diversity is viewed here as a negative alternative instead of a positive reality.

As my choice to attend George Fox places me in an environment that for me will not last very long, my question is, how can George Fox College provide students with a solid Christian education and at the same time prepare them for life in a racially diverse world?

I believe that this process must start with recognition of the "diversities of gifts" talked about in I Corinthians 12:4. And not that alone, but also the creation of an environment where white students can feel good about themselves and not be haunted by feelings of guilt or feelings that they are being blamed for racial biases. This must also be an environment where minorities are accepted as themselves and the pressures of assimilation and social conformity are not placed upon them. Faced with the demand of a Christian education, and a POSITIVE experience in Christian diversity, are we meeting these demands as an institution committed to both?

Someone once said, "I decided long ago only to walk in Christ's shadow and if I fail or if I succeed, at least I live as I believe, no matter what the world takes from me, it can't take away Jesus."

As Christians we need to be examples to the world and grasp again that beauty that God Himself created in color. We do this not by pretending it is nonexistent — which only reinforces stereotype, but through recognizing it and loving it still.

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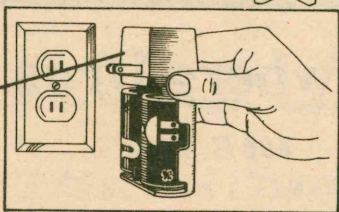
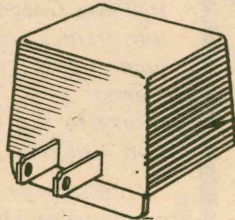
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Discipleship: The emphasis remains on Jesus

Discipleship — it's more than a term associated with Jesus and His twelve apostles two thousand years ago. It's training and discipline, sharing and growing, learning what it really means to be committed to Christ in everyday life.

Our campus provides a unique discipleship program, established to teach just that. Each of the fourteen groups of eight or nine students meet for an hour every week with their leader to study the Bible and share with each other.

Jeff Bineham, this year's coordinator, says discipleship groups have three basic goals: 1) to provide a time for a small group of people to study, worship and share together, 2) to study the Bible and understand how to apply it in a meaningful way, and 3) to provide an avenue where the individual can put his faith into action.

Jeff says the program is about the same as last year, that individual leaders have total control of their own group's activities. A group may meet in the leader's apartment or residence area, or go practically anywhere, like to Jay's or out for pizza. Some groups get involved in special activities like sponsoring a refugee child, sending aid to Cambodia, or helping in some community service here in Newberg. Each group sets its own goals and works toward them.

Sheryl Chandler is conducting a special experiment leading a group of just four girls to see if they can grow closer and

share together more openly. If smaller groups increase the effectiveness of the discipleship program, next year may see more groups with fewer members.

Last month on the 16th, members of the various groups escaped from campus together for a retreat at Tillikum. They

spent the morning getting acquainted and playing group games. Free time after lunch offered a chance for some to get away alone for awhile, play "Capture the Flag", or be lazy. Everyone met again for a singing and sharing time before leaving, and Ron Crecelius shared about the im-

portance of personal refinement and dedication.

The retreat was the first activity involving all discipleship groups this school year. Last year they met together twice — once in the gym for games, a treasure hunt, and to hear a speaker; and another time in Beaverton to roller-

skate, with a time afterward for root beer floats, charades, and prayer.

Discipleship is an exciting, involved part of our college community, and is a valuable growing experience for everyone involved. Though it may change slightly from year to year, the emphasis remains on Jesus Christ.

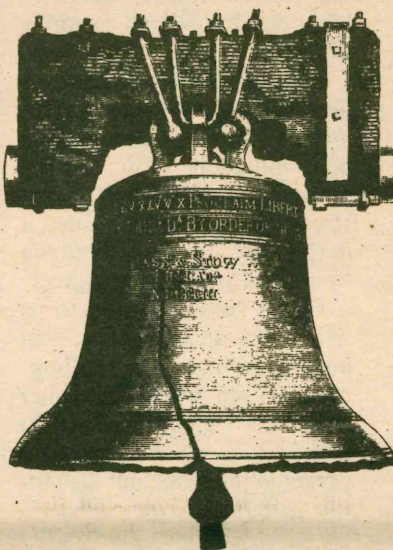
Victory Bell rings only in memories

Hidden away in the corner of a storage shed behind other unwanted, unused boxes and crates lies a large gold-colored bell. This ninety year old heirloom used to be rung after every home victory game, but in recent years, has been left, forgotten, to gather dust.

The victory bell has been the subject of several misadventures and escapades during its history. Dr. Arthur Roberts remembers the time Reed College stole the bell and dropped it in the Willamette River. Reed students, distinguished by their beards inspired by Fidel Castro's revolutionaries, had stolen the bell earlier that fall. On Saturday, February 21, 1959 they prepared to lead George Fox students on a chase through Portland that would eventually lead to an inter-collegiate incident involving state and local police.

Beginning at half-time during a Reed-Fox basketball game with a challenge to action in Russian by the Reed culprits, the adventure spread into the entire city of Portland, as Reed send George Fox on a treasure hunt. After several

hours of searching, the clues led to the Hawthorne Bridge. There George Fox students stood by horrified as Reed rebels attempted to lower the huge bell by cable over the side of the bridge. True to their Quaker pacifistic stance,



George Fox students refused to attempt any physical violence on the Reed agitators bent on desecrating their bell.

The victory symbol had other plans than those of Reed, however. As the bell was pushed over the edge of the bridge, it slipped and cutting the cable, plummeted into the water below. A stunned group of George Fox and Reed students watched the bell sink out of sight. With a few mumbled apologies, the Reed students split the scene, leaving behind the numbed George Fox students and a broken cable.

College president Milo C. Ross was really angry, Dr. Roberts recalls. He sent a registered letter to Dr. Richard Sullivan, president of Reed College, threatening to sever athletic competition with Reed athletic department if the bell wasn't returned before

midnight of March 7, 1959.

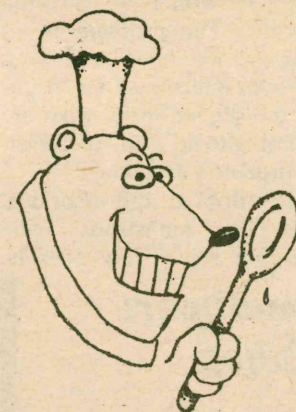
The bell reappeared at midnight February 26, in front of the Dean's office. President Ross received a communication from Reed stating that they had to dredge the river to retrieve it.

The victory bell has had no permanent mounting since Hoover Hall was destroyed. Because it is easily moved, it is vulnerable to pranks. Physical plant operator Bob Barnett, who is res-

ponsible for storing the bell, thinks that it should be permanently mounted in a safe place where it can again be rung after victory games. He suggests a concrete post near the gym, high enough to prevent children from ringing it indiscriminately. "It would be a good class project," Barnett asserts. Until something is done with it, however, the victory bell will continue to sit, gathering dust in a dark corner.

What's Bruin?

Butch Hart recently discovered the high cost of discipleship when he felt the thorn of poison oak in his flesh. His affliction of "loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head" was procured while on Discipleship retreat at Camp Tillikum.



Our own concert band held their finale performance of the term at Big F last Sunday evening. The band will really miss their conductor, Dr. Hagen, as he will be leaving next term for a sabbatical study of hymnology in Europe.

The Crescent salutes Wasilla, Alaska, hometown of Don "Rosy" Rosevear. SALUTE!

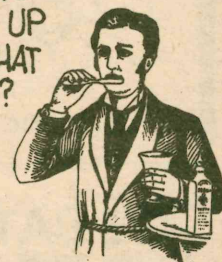
Dean and Mrs. Gerig hosted 10 Newlinites in their home for dinner. Coerced by the crowd, the Gerig's provided after-dinner music. All had an enjoyable evening.

Not long ago, ashen faces and flaming tempers ignited by a blazing 5 a.m. alarm in Pennington were soon doused with smouldering hot chocolate kindled by Chief Leni.

The Newlin I women made the shocking discovery that their bathroom window is in direct line of vision to the men of North Street House. Be prepared now, girls, to avoid any revealing situations.

For a switch, switchboard is now switched on for 24 hours.

TIME TO BRUSH UP FOR THAT TEST?



Our own Cheryl Pickett was recently elected president of the student section of the Oregon Home Economics Association for 1980-81. The OHEA includes Oregon colleges and universities with Home Economics Departments. Sandra Conant was also elected secretary to the state organization. Congrats, girls!

Contrary to popular opinion, you don't have to wait until the next Leap Day to ask someone for a date.

To reduce the Communications Department the faculty and friends on third floor Minthorne are on diets. Anyone caught slipping them a bagel will be interpersonally excommunicated.

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The Siberian Seven: Why Is Nothing Done?

By TIM MECHAM

When President Carter came into office he came talking of the violation of fundamental human rights that exist within the world. Yet when this policy becomes inexpedient he tends to ignore the problem. The one example that I would like to cite is the plight of the Siberian Seven and what we as Christians can do to help in this situation.

The saga began on June 27, 1978, when eight Siberian Christians — Peter and Augustine Vashchenko, three of their children (Lidia, Lyubov, and Lilia) neighbor Maria and her son (Timothy) — attempted to run into the American Embassy past the Soviet guards who had refused to let them enter the embassy. (The act of denying access to an embassy is in direct violation of International Law.)

The central figure in this drama is 52 year-old Peter Vashchenko, a devout man from the mining town of Chernogorsk near Krasnoyarsk.

In the early 1960s an upsurge of anti-religious propaganda forced a number of parents to withdraw their children from the schools. Twenty-one believers, including Peter Vashchenko, were sent to prison for defying the Soviet government. Subsequently, three of the Vashchenko children were taken from their parents and sent to a distant boarding school because the govern-

ment disapproved of the religious atmosphere of their home. Later a court threatened to take away five more of the Vashchenko children.

have slaved in the hard labour camps and have suffered great amounts of persecution because of their faith. Peter has spent almost two years in a psychiatric hospital after making an earlier bid for freedom in 1968.

This is in fact the SIXTH time in the last 17 years that Peter Vashchenko has come to the American Embassy seeking help to leave the USSR. Each long journey has ended in failure — and has added to his conviction that he must not

which comes into the embassy in the diplomatic pouch because they are not employed by the embassy. 2) They are allowed only a certain number of visitors, these being the Protestant and Catholic chaplains of the embassy and anyone that is on a visitors list. There is an effort on the part of the embassy to totally isolate these people. It should be pointed out that this situation is known on Capital Hill and yet the President or none of his staff have said anything. 3)

Richard Shelby, John Buchanan, and William Dickinson, all of Alabama. But for those who are residents of Oregon, they can contact Senators Hatfield and Packwood and urge them to support Senate Concurrent Resolutions 60 and 61 which make statements in relation to the persecution of Christians within the Soviet Union. They also make statements in relation to the Helsinki Accords which the Soviets are ignoring by this wanton persecution of Christians. Also we can write to President Carter, the American Ambassador to Moscow, and the Soviet Ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C. It is the responsibility of the concerned Christian community to let those people who have the power that we do not approve of their actions, and that we do as Christians support these people that are being oppressed. Even if all this action were to get these people out of the Soviet Union it would not mean too much if we did not uphold these people through prayers.

"We heard over the radio that America was a place that stood up for the rights of the individual." These words were spoken by Peter's wife Augustina, and they express the hope of many Christians that are trapped within the Soviet Union. And yet the

American government and the Christians of this country show no signs of aiding these people. I hope and pray that the reason that the American Christian community has done nothing is because we have not heard of this plight. I hope that we can show an honest and loving concern for these fellow believers.

Remember these people that are in the embassy are there because of their convictions and these are the same convictions that we as a body can relate to and share with them. But the only way in which we can affect any type of change is to speak with a unified voice. We have to show these people that the Christians of the country do not view them as fanatics but as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Karen Peterson and Andrew Grove wish to extend an invitation to everyone in the GFC community to their wedding on Saturday, March 15 at 1 o'clock at Newberg Friends Church. Andrew is a 1978 graduate of George Fox, and is currently doing graduate work at the University of Portland. The couple will reside in Edwards spring term as Karen finishes out her duties as head resident there.



leave this time until he has valid exit visas and plane tickets to the United States in his hands. Yet this does not seem to be coming even close to a reality for Peter, his family and friends.

This situation is not limited to the Vashchenko and Chmykalova families, but is true of all Russian Christians which refuse to attend the registered churches, which are controlled by the Soviet government. The fact is that there are twenty thousand applications for emigration of Russian Pentecostals alone. And there has been a determined effort by the Soviet government to totally wipe out Christianity within the borders of the Soviet Union.

Once the Seven had gotten into the embassy they were virtually ignored by the majority of the embassy staff. They were placed into a 12' by 20' room in the basement of the embassy which is called "the Dungeon" by the embassy staff. Beyond this the Seven have absolutely no support from the ambassador or any of the staff. The orders which were passed down by the former ambassador are: 1) They are allowed no mail

They are not allowed a radio "lest they take heart from messages of support beamed into them beyond the Iron Curtain." It is obvious that the very people which the Seven are looking to for support are turning their backs on them and shunning them.

Why is it that the plight of these Christians, who have suffered uncountable forms of persecution, have not been related to the American people? Is the former Ambassador Toon right when he made the statement that American Christians will consider the Vashchenkos and Chmykalovs as being fanatics? Or is it because there is no pressure by Christians in this country to help these people who are suffering through Communist Persecution?

There are many ways in which Christians in this country can help these people if only they are made known. Today there are many Congressmen whom have shown an honest concern for the plight of these two families. They are Senators Richard Schweiker (Pa.) and Charles Percy (Ill.) and Representatives Millicent Fenwick (N.J.), Allen Ertel (Pa.) and



ment disapproved of the religious atmosphere of their home. Later a court threatened to take away five more of the Vashchenko children.

Peter has been fined repeatedly for organizing and holding unregistered church services. A baby, which was adopted by the daughter Lidia, was forcibly taken from her and was later found dead. Its body had been mutilated and the skull had a large gash which had dirty rags stuffed into it. Eldest son Alexander is presently serving a three year sentence in a labour camp for refusing to serve in the Soviet army. Both Peter and his wife

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Getting to know Jan Barlow

George Fox College's newest addition to the Physical Education department this year is Miss Jan Barlow, a 29-year-old from Perkispe, Pennsylvania.

Jan is the fourth oldest in a family of ten. She has four brothers and five sisters including a twin sister. Out of her family, Jan is the only one to have pursued a profession in physical education. Jan attended Taylor University in Indiana and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in physical education there. She then taught P.E. at Tipton High School for seven years while earning her Master's degree.

From their Christian college referral list, GFC contacted Jan around January of last year. At first, Jan, who had never heard of George Fox College was somewhat reluctant because she had never been West before and all her family is in the East. She did, however, come for an interview. Jan says, "I'm glad I came. GFC has a well developed P.E. program for its

size." Her job consists of being an assistant professor, and the women's field hockey and basketball coach.

Jan is planning on returning next year and says, "I find that the teaching is much more challenging and enjoyable at college than high school. I like coaching higher skilled players. I hope a goal for the women athletes next year would be to push themselves harder."

Jan accepted Christ as her Savior one Sunday evening in August, 1961. "I realized that I wasn't ready to meet God, so I went to my older sister and we prayed together," testifies Jan. She is a member of the Independent Baptist Church and attends the Newberg First Baptist Church here. "I've grown a lot in my Christian life since coming to Fox, because there are more opportunities to share. It's made me search more in my Bible."

Jan's hobbies include coaching, reading, and playing the guitar.

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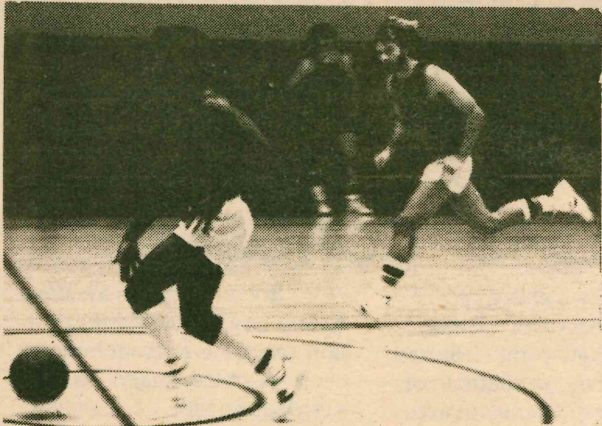
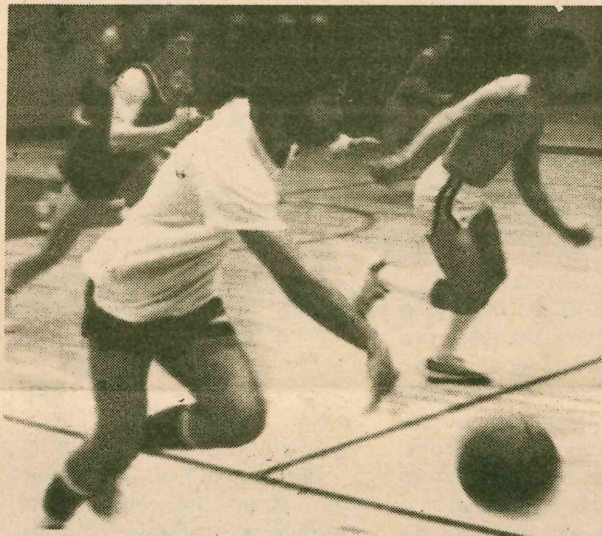
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As codirectors of the Intramurals program here at GFC for the last two years, Vonda Winkle and Mike Englen have been successful in implementing a program offering over twelve sports in which students can participate.

Offered Fall term in the Intramurals program was men's football, won by the team from Lewis, Weesner, Winters and Kerschner House, women's powderpuff football, won by the girls from the west side of the canyon, coed volleyball, 3-man basketball, and raquetball. This term students

could participate in 5-man basketball, women's basketball, badminton, and men's allstar football. Vonda and Mike hope to have coed softball, tennis for singles and doubles, a raquetball tournament, and a road rally for spring term intramurals. They also hope to involve students in an "Almost Anything Goes" competition spring term.

Participation in the program has greatly increased in the last two years largely due to the organized program and wide variety of sports offered.



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Choir Tour

The 51-voice George Fox College a cappella choir made its first appearance of the spring Mar. 2 with a 6 p.m. concert at the Wichita Evangelical Church, Milwaukie.

The performance is a "warm-up" for a two-state 1,500 mile tour with 10 concerts in nine Oregon and Northern California cities beginning Mar. 16.

The choir, selected by audition, is directed by Jerry Friesen, making his farewell tour with the choir after 12 years at the college.

Theme for this year's sacred music concerts is "Praise." Featured among the selections in the 75-minutes concert will be a German motet by Brahms, "Wenn Wir In Hohen Noten Sein." It was given last year to Frisen, then on sabbatical in Europe, by a German music publisher, Fredrick Hanssler.

Intermission for the choir program features the college's traveling music group, "Dayspring," and piano soloist Ken Willson, senior who has studied with noted pianist Istvan Nadas.

Singers Tour

The George Fox College New Vision Singers began their first official touring for the college on Friday February 29th. The 49 member group left Ross Center at 2:30 p.m. and arrived at Svenson Friends Church, a church located a little southeast of Astoria, at 5:30 p.m. The tour hosts provided an Italian dinner and after the concert the members stayed in church members' homes for the night.

The next days activities provided some sightseeing activities in and around the historical town of Astoria.



Dinner Theatre cast preparing for the finale

The first major attraction was a stop at the Astor Column, named after an early pioneer who founded a string of trading posts, the last of which was built in Astoria. Later the group traveled to Fort Stevens and walked around the ruins of the World War II defense base seeing some of the old gun emplacements. The next stop was at the old wreckage of the Peter Iredale, a ship that ran aground just south of Astoria.

Saturday night found the group ready for another concert at Rockaway Community Church. The hosts again furnished another fantastic meal. That night most of the group stayed at the Twin Rocks Youth Camp. A night time walk on the beach met with most everyone's approval.

Early Sunday morning the choir moved on to Tillamook and performed at the Church of The Nazarene. The program was broadcast on radio.

Sunday evening found the singers in home territory again as they sang at the Dayton

Pioneer Evangelical Church. Several people from the college were in attendance including Dean Gerig. The tour was a great success and the choir looks forward to their next min-tour to the Seattle area.

Music Dinner

A "Dinner Music Theater" program, believed a first for the area, was staged Feb. 21 and 22 at George Fox College.

The 30 cast members sang during the dinner as well as serving the meal.

The music program included highlights from "Carousel," "Oklahoma," "West Side Story," and "Camelot."

Performers were in costume throughout the evening and stepped up on a stage featuring limited sets but a rear projection screen system with slides giving the setting.

Directing the program was music professor Joseph E. Gilmore. He was assisted by three student directors, Leah

Pope, Deolinda Morrow, and Jerry Murphy.

The dinner, featuring chicken cacciatore to a farfai dessert, was followed by the music program about 8:30 p.m.

Dayspring

A seven-member musical group, "Dayspring," has been chosen to represent George Fox College this year on a 10-week, 10,000 mile tour of the Western United States.

The group of four women and three men are now in rehearsal and will begin performances spring term with the major tour starting in June.

The group will appear in approximately 40 churches and at youth, family, and church conferences. Features are arrangements of traditional music, contemporary gospel-folk and spirituals with piano accompaniment.

Members chosen for the group are tenor Charles Hernandez, senior; baritone Jim Le Shana, junior; baritone/bass Jon Fodge, sophomore. Also chosen were Laurie Adams, a junior, mezzo soprano; Sandra Conant, sophomore alto; Jeanine Myers, junior soprano, and Linda Corlett, junior, as pianist.



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LEGITIMIZING SOCIAL CONCERN

"Social Concern: To What Extent Legitimate?" was the topic of a one-day seminar Saturday (Mar. 1) at George Fox College.

Open to the public without charge, the conference was hosted by the college's Social Service program. It was held in the Herbert Hoover Academic Building.

The morning program, starting at 11 a.m., featured Eugene Friends Church Pastor Donald D. Lamm, addressing the conference theme. It was followed by a panel reaction.

Afternoon sessions featured four workshops, two starting

at 1:30 and two at 2:45 p.m.

"Volunteers in Corrections" at 1:30 p.m. featured Greg Kuehn, probation officer, Yamhill County Corrections. "Creative Aging" was the topic of conference director Bruce Longstroth, assistant professor of social service.

The 2:45 p.m. workshop had Ed Sadvig, director of the Luke-Dorf Home, Portland, discussing "Social Services Through the Local Church," and Glen Leppert, pastor of the Highland Avenue Friends Church, Salem, discussing "Sharing Individual Social Concern."

"Social Concern To What Extent Legitimate?" is to a certain extent a personal choice each of must make daily," says Longstroth.

The question, he says, has existed since the beginning of the Christian church and "once again in recent years the issue has come to the force within evangelical Christianity."

"Many are calling for more social involvement while others fear an over-emphasis on social involvement and a corresponding loss of emphasis on missions and evangelism."



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